

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the application of:

Kazuo USHIDA et al.

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For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS

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Nikon Corporation, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan and having a place of business at Tokyo, Japan, is owner, by assignment, of the entire title to United States Letters Patent No. 5,530,518 granted on June 25, 1996, for PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS.

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